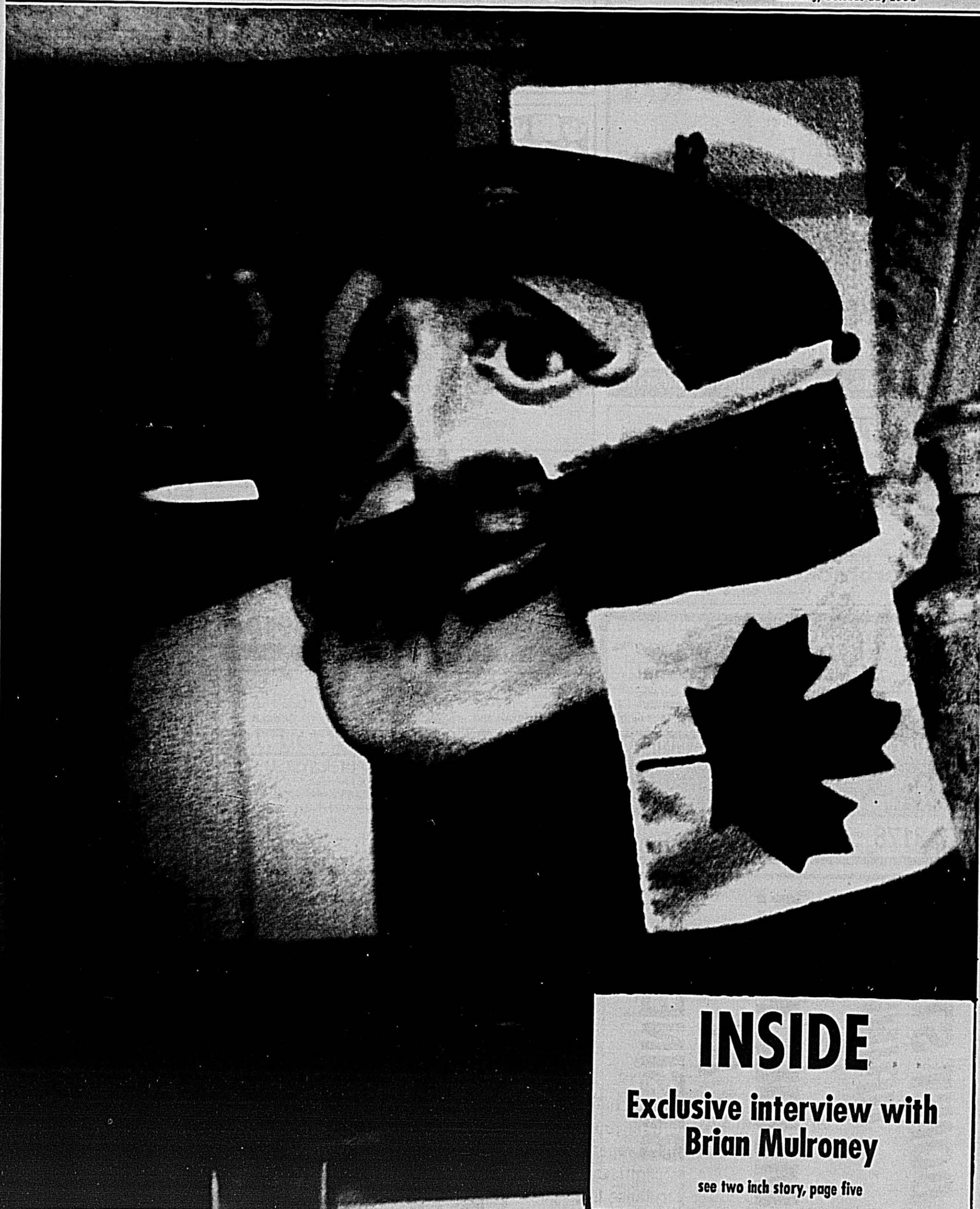


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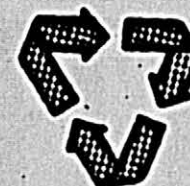
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New McGill group will draft own AIDS policy

by Trevor Smith

A group of McGill employees and students, fed up with the administration's refusal to adopt an AIDS policy, has struck a committee to draft their own proposal.

A policy would provide AIDS education for the University at large plus counselling, medical coverage, and dignity clauses for people with AIDS or HIV. Many other Canadian universities already have AIDS policies. Pressure has been building at McGill to force the administration to adopt an official policy.

Robert Head, president of Lesbian and Gay Employees of McGill (LAGEM), says the McGill population can wait no longer. "The McGill community is drafting a policy for the administration since the administration would not draft one for the community," he said.

Gary Le Tourneau, co-ordinator of Gays and Lesbians of McGill (GALOM), says a policy is needed now. "People with AIDS and HIV at McGill have already had to face discriminatory practices," he said.

The committee has no guarantee that the administration will hear their recommendations.

Dr. Chris Tsoukas, associate director of the McGill AIDS Centre, was surprised that no one before now has worked on a policy. He claims the University has a good record dealing with AIDS, but he adds "the McGill administration might not be as pro-active as they

could be.

"A policy has to address broader issues and cannot be rushed." Tsoukas would not say whether he or the McGill AIDS Centre endorsed the call for an AIDS policy at McGill.

GALOM's Le Tourneau suggested the administration's reluctance to develop a policy is linked to broader problems. "McGill is run by a network of old boys like a medieval institution." McGill's administration consistently ignores gay, lesbian, and women's issues, he said.

Members of LAGEM and GALOM are concerned that opposition to the policy in the McGill administration stems from fear and misunderstanding. "There is rampant homophobia in the McGill administration and in McGill as a whole," said Le Tourneau.

"The administration must wake up and realize that AIDS affects everyone," he said.

But not everyone is convinced an AIDS policy would be effective at McGill. Dr. Pierre Tellier, director of McGill Health Services, says a new AIDS policy would probably add up to nothing but lip-service. "A policy would allow people prejudiced against the issue, perhaps administrators, to sweep the problem under the mat."

Tellier said the University already has a policy preventing discrimination against individuals on the basis of illness. AIDS should

not be singled out from other fatal conditions, and the rights of individuals with AIDS or HIV should be protected as would the rights of individuals with other diseases, he said.

Tellier added that McGill's health and counselling services will need a substantial boost in funding to deal with the predicted increase in AIDS and HIV cases at the University.

Together with representatives of LAGEM and GALOM, the committee plans to involve employee associations, graduate students and Students' Society.

Students' Society president Kate Morisset said she could not guarantee participation. "There will be discussion but mainly to decide whether we need a policy," she said.

She added that she was opposed to an "affirmative-action type of program" but otherwise open to suggestions.

The University of British Columbia, University of Victoria, Acadia, Dalhousie, and the University of Toronto are among the schools that already have AIDS policies.

U of T's policy ensures confidentiality and protects the rights of students and staff who might have AIDS or HIV but does not include medical coverage and counselling.

The McGill committee's first meeting is scheduled for October 23.



DAILY PHOTO: NADINE LEE

LAGEM's Robert Head is increasing pressure for an AIDS policy

COUNCIL BRIEFS

GRADS CHALLENGE REFERENDUM

The constitutionality of the upcoming referendum on FEEQ membership was challenged by graduate councillor Eric Darier at last Thursday's Students' Society Council meeting.

The referendum was approved at the September 27 council meeting, but chairperson Scott Mitic had allowed Law representative Robert Fabes to move for a vote on the FEEQ question without debate.

"It was a clear violation of the Students' Society Special Rules of Order, and most likely of Robert's Rules as well," said councillor Daron Westman.

On October 9, Darier wrote Mitic a letter challenging his ruling to allow Fabes to call for an immediate vote. Mitic overruled Darier's challenge on Thursday, saying Robert's Rules does not allow for challenging rulings from previous meetings.

Darier responded by challenging Mitic's ruling on the challenge. That the FEEQ referendum was voted on without debate was a violation of Council's Special Rules of Order, Robert's Rules, and any notion of democratic process, he said.

"The fact that the constitutionality of the procedure is questionable means that the FEEQ referendum can be called into question after the vote and taken to the Judicial Board," he said.

Council voted overwhelmingly in favour of sustaining Mitic's ruling.

Later on in the meeting, Council approved the payment of over \$3000 in interim membership fees to FEEQ, against objections from some councillors who suggested they should hold off until students voted on McGill's membership in the federation.

BEND OR BREAK?

Constitution bending became an issue for a second time in the meeting when Peter Thomas insisted upon a vote on a motion for which councillors had not received proper notice.

At the end of the last meeting, Thomas had given oral notice of a motion to amend the rules for a council roll call vote.

"But his notice of motion wasn't recorded in the minutes, and councillors never received written notice of the motion," said Westman.

Several councillors, including Robert Fabes, complained this was a technicality, and asked to bend the rules so the question could be decided at that meeting.

VP Internal Joanna Wedge pointed out that Council's Special Rules of Order require all resolutions to be submitted in writing.

Finally, chairperson Mitic ruled against a vote and buried the issue until the next Council meeting.

ALSO AT COUNCIL

Council also introduced and approved this year's Students' Society budget. Conspicuously absent were money for the student club on disabled issues, Access McGill, and money for the Women's Union.

VP Finance Jane Howard said the budget was incomplete because Access McGill has yet to find coordinators, and the Women's Union was late in submitting their budget proposal.

Other noteworthy decisions included a unanimous vote recognizing the "occurrence" of a referendum in which graduate students voted 96% in favour of autonomy from the Students' Society.

Students complain about prof because of accent

by Andrew Nichols

A computer science professor who speaks English with an accent is being targetted by students complaining of a "communication problem".

Boris Stilman, who teaches Computer Science 202A, is a visiting professor from Moscow and has a Russian accent.

Twenty students in his introductory computer science course have signed a petition asking McGill to intervene in the alleged communication problem between the students and their professor.

One student in the course said "the class picks on every little thing he does" and the accent "prejudiced us against him."

The petition blamed "the language barrier" for a "lack of communication" between students and Stilman. It was initiated three weeks ago as a letter to department head professor R. de Mori.

Professor Stilman was surprised by the petition. "I was sure students understood me," he said.

"I don't know who exactly doesn't understand, they're hidden," he said.

A first-year student, who asked

not to be identified, said Stilman often has difficulty making himself clear and comprehending students' questions.

Stilman said he was baffled by the complaining students' secrecy and wondered why they didn't approach him after class. "I'm not inaccessible like professor of old times," he said.

Stilman keeps regular office hours and often stays after lectures to answer questions, he said.

Many students chose not to sign the petition, or weren't even aware of the complaints. Chan Weng Ton Caurie, who attends the class, said he was having "no problem" in the course.

"It is clear that if anyone has a problem they can go and see him," another student said.

Stilman also teaches too quickly, said the student organizing the petition.

"The course material is far too advanced. These factors have caused many students to abandon Stilman's class since the beginning of September," he said.

Even Stilman conceded the class is very difficult. He said he teaches in a "concentric-circle" style. He

compresses material and pushes it at a fast pace at the outset, returning to it once students have gained a basic foundation.

"I couldn't imagine that students would be shocked or scared with this method of teaching," Stilman said. "I would certainly have slowed down if I knew of any problem."

The department came up with various ideas to resolve the complaints. It scheduled a weekly TA lecture, but students didn't show up.

"As a full-time student I don't have time to run around," the original complainant said.

"Anyway, Stilman is teaching more coherently these days," he said.

Computer Science professor M. Newborn, who invited Stilman to McGill, said, "I'm a little unhappy students haven't taken the time to carry through with what they've started."

Neither Stilman nor the students have any recourse under human-rights legislation, according to Robert Sylvestre of the Québec Human Rights Commission.

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Students' Society considers affirmative action

by Cheryl Devoe

Students' Society is exploring changes to its constitution to make groups such as the Women's Union and the Walk-Safe Network eligible for 'club' status.

At present, Students' Society (SSMU) cannot ratify the constitution of the Women's Union because it restricts membership to women only. The Walk-Safe Network has also been refused because it requires its executive to be a majority of women.

"No one on council has any objection to any of those groups. It's the restrictions on membership that is the problem," said VP Internal Joanna Wedge.

A clause in the SSMU constitution states that "the membership of each accredited Activity, Club and Functional Group of the Society must be open to all members of the Society."



Women on campus are challenging Students' Society's constitution

Groups not recognized by SSMU cannot use the McGill name or offices, and cannot receive student funding.

Wedge said groups that restrict membership were presented with two alternatives. They could change their own constitutions to allow

unrestricted membership, which the Women's Union refused to do, or they could call for changes to the SSMU constitution.

Wedge suggested the SSMU constitution could be changed to permit groups whose membership is "oppressed" to restrict membership for the purpose of promoting their cause.

Suzanne Stein of the Women's Union said "It is the responsibility of the university to provide space for women to be where they don't have to face sexism." She said that funding political groups like the Women's Union helps broaden the scope of student activities at McGill.

Women's Union representatives Ronit Bezael and Julie Crawford were unaware when asked last Friday that Students' Society had decided to explore changes to the SSMU constitution.

Wedge plans to investigate other compromises and discuss 'wording' before considering possible action.

May says politicians distort sustainability

by Noah Quastel

Canadian environmental activist Elizabeth May spoke at McGill last week on the need for developing sustainability, instead of what politicians have come to call 'sustainable development'.

May has worked on both sides of the environment debate - as a grassroots organizer, vocal enough to provoke legal action from offended eco-villains, and as a government advisor.

She addressed listeners Wednesday night at a McGill environmental law conference, and afterwards spoke to the *Daily* at the luxuriant wine and cheese (supplied by Hydro-quebec, Power Corp. and Scott's Food Services, among others).

May said that although the Brundtland Commission report on environmental issues a few years ago was a good gesture, "sustainable development has (since) been embraced stupidly."

The real agenda of the Brundtland report called for developing sustainability. "The focus is on human needs, not on wants or desires," May said. But politicians took the report and distorted its ideas for their own ends, ignoring the 'inconveniences'.

For example, the report drew attention to military budgets, which consume \$1 trillion of a \$13 trillion world economy. Little has been done to change this.

"Saddam Hussein is the solution for many countries that can no longer justify what they spend on their military," May said.

May also discussed the economic separation of the richest and poorest countries, and how environmental problems (such as Brazil's hydroelectric dam projects) emerge from foreign debt control strategies.

"The flow of capital from the developing world to the developed world must be reversed," she said.



Environmentalist Elizabeth May spoke at Law conference

"We need to end our reliance on those things that cannot be universalized."

May talked of a need to change methods of planning and management. She said current management techniques embody the beliefs of power groups. While people in power talk of improving production and output, those out of power talk of minimizing disaster.

For instance, "lawyers are trained to win, and winning becomes winning exclusively for a client" as May put it. These strategies for living are destructive when transferred to the political arena, by lawyer-politicians. May explains, "We cannot use the same

intellectual approaches that got us here."

"What is really needed is to change our concepts of our society," she said, including ideas of biodiversity and waste reduction.

Linear production lines (from manufacturing plant to consumer to garbage dump) should be amended to cycles involving reuse and restraint, she said. "We should behave in human society as if we are echoing the ecosystem."

As well, she stressed the need to move from wasteful megaprojects to smaller, community-centred ones. "James Bay II is an example of the kinds of human activity that will destroy our species. It reflects

our need to waste energy and is the type of megaproject that neglects all human needs," she said.

May said a strong relation exists between unemployment, environmental degradation and capital intensive technologies. "We need new indicators of economic success other than those of GNP and GDP. Indicators should be in terms of the global ecological condition."

"The crux of developing sustainability is changing our lives and our behaviour, and how we think," May concluded. "Strong laws are often not enforced. We need a strong political will."

NEWS BRIEF

A CLOSE SHAVE WITH THE CHIN

The Right Honourable One was spotted emerging from a dental appointment outside the Concordia Hall building Friday morning. Immediately, he was surrounded by eager students.

"And what do you study?" Prime Minister Brian Mulroney asked over and over as he autographed textbooks, shook hands and pointed his great chin.

Big, intrepid CUP reporter Mike Orsini just happened to be on hand for the occasion. Furiously, our loyal newshound sought for a piercing question with which to confront the nation's leader.

"He thought and he thought, but he just couldn't think of anything to ask," said one source, whom we'll call Deep Throat.

"Finally the women standing next to him whispered, 'Hey! Ask him about the GST and text books. You know, he's taxing reading!'" Deep Throat told us.

Orsini waded his way to the front of the crowd and buttonholed the Prime Minister.

"Do you, sir, realize that these textbooks you're signing are the very ones which will be prohibitively taxed 7 per cent come January 1?" said Orsini, in his big, intrepid way.

Mulroney looked serene, and said...

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Shaken, Orsini could only describe his experience in flustered sentences.

"His, his chin... it's so big! His head is so big! He's huge!"

Daily news staff

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"Lots of things are going to be taxed
after January first."
-Man-of-very-big-chin

COMMENT

Last week, Kate Morisset's mail-out personally reminded each and every one of us that McGill has joined the likes of OXFAM, Ducks Unlimited and the World Wildlife Fund.

Each of these organisations has tied the knot with a financial institution, giving birth to a new generation of credit cards - the so-called "affinity cards". McGill students too can now cry "charge it", and rest assured a small percentage of the interest will be channelled back to McGill Student Aid and libraries.

It is an ironic coincidence that the McGill mastercard should appear in the very year that the Québec government implemented its *dégel*, forcing students to shell out more than twice as much for their education over the next couple of years.

Rather than make the Québec government live up to its responsibility to ensure accessible education, the Administration and SSMU prefer to jump into bed with the Bank of Montréal, and trust mass merchandising techniques to solve McGill's financial troubles.

While a small percentage of the profits may go to McGill, an even larger percentage will undoubtedly land in the pockets of Bank of Montréal share-holders. Affinity cards allow financial institutions that deal in usury to expand their market, by tapping into groups which tend to sell out slower and "charge it" less.

What's next? Will the McGill Administration expand the MARS system so students can charge tuition to their McGill Mastercards over the phone?

Katerina Cizek

HYDE PARK

The Students' Society needs to bring its constitution in line with the Canadian Charter of Rights by including an affirmative action clause.

When the Canadian constitution was repatriated in 1982, the Charter provided that, "every individual is equal before the law and has the right to equal protection and equal benefit under the law without discrimination."

This wording is based on an idealized vision of society, one in which all individuals or groups start out with the same amount of power.

In reality certain individuals or groups are at a disadvantage because of both past and present discrimination and oppression.

Affirmative action is a common and well-supported means of addressing this disadvantage. It is used in instances in which certain groups can benefit from exceptional measures to obtain a position of social equality.

The SSMU promises to each of its members equal benefit under its constitution by insisting that, "The membership of each accredited Activity, Club and Functional Group of the Society must be open to all members of the Society."

However, unlike the Canadian constitution, it does not address the limitations of "equal before the law" which is not sufficient to provide general equality of opportunity in a world with sexism, racism, homophobia and other forms of discrimination.

Section 15 (2) of the Canadian Charter (the Affirmative Action clause) "does not preclude any law, programme or activity that has as its object the amelioration of conditions of a disadvantaged individual or group."

The students at McGill, as a part of the larger community, are not immune to oppression, nor to responsibility for it. Therefore, as a community, McGill students are in a position to take the same step as the Canadian government.

A motion will be brought for Council to sponsor a referendum to include an affirmative action clause in the constitution within the month.

The activities of the Womens' Union, including a low-cost birth control clinic, a resource center and ongoing feminist programming, are designed to ameliorate the conditions of women on campus. The affirmative action clause will further that goal.

The Women's Union of McGill University

Bloody critics!

To the Daily:

In a letter to the *McGill Daily* of October 11, Blood Drive Chairperson Tina Harriot criticizes those who did not give blood for their lack of concern for other people.

I would suggest to Ms. Harriot that it is a little late to be appealing to potential donors' altruism, when the publicity during the Blood Drive was oriented in precisely the opposite direction.

Advertisements for the Blood Drive in the *Daily* emphasized "Great Door Prizes!! Free Food!! \$250 Travel Voucher." This approach incites people to ask, "What's in it for me?" Inevitably, many will answer "Not enough," and will not give blood.

The Blood Drive should eliminate door prizes and give-aways. I feel they violate the Red Cross principle of voluntarism. It should also abolish childish interfaculty challenges.

Giving blood is not a competitive sport, and this form of trivialization only discourages people from recognizing blood donation as an important act of social responsibility.

I hesitate to criticize the organizers of the Blood Drive, when they are obviously working hard on behalf of a good cause, but I feel that the less than satisfactory results indicate that their methods need to be reconsidered. I hope that future Blood Drives will emphasize altruism before and during the event, not just afterward.

Thomas Box
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Frat member favours affirmative action

To the Daily:

After having read John Atanasiadis' letter regarding the club status of the Walk-Safe Network, I feel that I must respond.

Atanasiadis suggests "that (the) SSMU remained consistent with their definition of sexism" in comparison with the non-recognition of the IFC as a club.

The IFC did not have its club status revoked for being sexist. Rather, the selective membership practices of sororities and fraternities were in question.

I would like to further point out that discrimination on the basis of sex is permissible under Canadian Law when that discrimination "has as its object the amelioration of

conditions of disadvantaged individuals or groups" (Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms s. 15 (2)).

An organisation such as the Walk-Safe Network, in my view, serves such a disadvantaged group and by limiting the number of men on its executive it is ensuring the "amelioration of conditions" for women at McGill.

I find it hard to define members of fraternities and sororities (myself included) as disadvantaged as such. (These opinions are my own and are not necessarily those of my fraternity or of any other).

Mitchell Leitman
BA U2
of Alpha Epsilon Pi

Choice vs. Speech?

To the Daily:

The one aspect to the abortion issue over which "pro-" and "anti-" choice groups could likely agree is that abortion is a controversial issue, and that such controversy is not likely to dispel in the near future.

Both factions have their respective ideologies entrenched in the noble cause of human rights. The foundation for their ideology should be kept in mind when they set about expressing their views.

Students who stop to read the notice board between the 1st and 2nd floors of the union building may notice a bulletin urging students to protest "McGill's Anti-Choice lecture series *The Fetus as Subject*".

There are several alarming aspects to this call to arms. First, it does not seem that the role of either group should be to curtail the expression of its ethical opponents' opinions.

The freedom to speak out is a right which is arguably more entrenched and accepted than the right to life of a fetus or the right of a woman to govern her own body.

Second, the purpose of a lecture series is to educate. Stifling education is not, in my opinion, a respectable practice.

Presentation of a point of view, one-sided or not, is still educational. A fantastic feature of a free society is that anyone can say what they think. A pro-choice group could just as easily sponsor a biased lecture series. Whether the lecture itself is biased or not, and we probably won't know until we hear it, is overshadowed by the fact that fetal medicine is a reality and a fascinating and important one at that.

Parents who want their children, parents who want a healthy fetus,

benefit from advances in fetal medicine. It seems wrong to stifle the "rights" of a wanted fetus in the name of an unwanted one.

Perhaps the organizers of this protest should have chosen their words more carefully.

Spencer Lister
U3 Science

Mensch miscreant

To the Daily:

To the *Daily*? Hell, no! To the battlements! At least that's how I felt seeing Lina Saigol and her literary periodical, *The Pillar*, lambasted in the recent "Culture" edition.

Who is this Colin Krivy *mensch*, and why is he allowed such free rein that, in the entire article, neither Eric Darier nor Michael Temelini is quoted even once?

On a more serious note (not that I take Messrs. Darier and Temelini lightly), I was mortified to find a reference to Alex Usher, VP External Affairs SSMU, who was depicted in quasi-glowing terms and not asked to resign.

This must not stand.

Why does Krivy put his name in bold type at the top of his article, instead of putting it at the end (like this letter)? What a hierarchical mind. Next you'll be instituting serfdom!

And, now that my cackles are up, what's so odd about an ABCB rhyme scheme? Maybe it doesn't work well; neither does the editorial cartoon on the opposite page from Krivy's article, but I'm no bedlamite (although, not appreciating the fine art that was this cartoon, I must be a homophobe).

In fact, it seems to me like Krivy's article could have been summed up in about ten words. I submit my own version (in free verse, to avoid ABCB):

The Pillar:

It sucked.

Well, not totally.

And I don't like Lina.

This, too, must not stand.

After all, we've all had our differences with Lina. But that's no reason to become infantile about them. Unless the whole article was just to take up space in the paper, to justify having that many ads.

Don "not the weatherman"

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and The Real

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Prospects for a state called Palestine

For the first time in decades, Palestinians are looking at American policy developments with some hope. New U.S. alliances with Arab states may change the balance of power in the Middle East.

Before the crisis in the Persian Gulf, a Palestinian state in the occupied territories seemed impossible. Palestinians were frustrated after 34 months of the *intifada* and nearly two years of fruitless negotiations between the PLO and the United States.

But it's becoming clear events have taken a new course.

by Alex Roslin

If Palestinians ever form a state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, it would have little to do with Israeli generosity or spilled Arab blood. Three years of popular revolt in the occupied territories have netted Palestinians a thousand deaths, 7000 gunshot injuries and 70 000 detentions without trial — but little sympathy among American elites. Still, the U.S. is the place to look for any settlement to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

These days, U.S. intentions in the region are most clear several hundred miles to the east of Israel — in the Persian Gulf, where Washington is methodically manoeuvring to increase its control over the region's huge oil reserves.

But some Palestinians are hopeful because the U.S. has relied heavily on the support of Egypt and Saudi Arabia for its military buildup in the Gulf. In order to keep the support of Arab states, the U.S. may stop paying for the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Washington may in fact start seeing Israel as more of a strategic liability than an asset.

"The U.S. can't afford to jeopardize Arab support by neglecting Palestinian rights," according to Hatim Salman, of the Fondation Québécoise d'Aide au Liban.

He said if the U.S. is concerned enough about international law and human rights in Kuwait to send troops there, it cannot ignore

last week's violence in Israel without appearing hypocritical to the world.

ON MONDAY, Israeli police killed 19 Palestinians and wounded 140 others at the Muslim-controlled Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Palestinians, angered by plans of a militant Jewish group to take religious control of the Temple Mount, threw stones at Jews gathered below at the Wailing Wall. Twenty eight Jews were injured and riot police charged, firing upon the Arab crowd.

Various medical organizations later said riot police had fired at them as they tried to treat the wounded, according to Salman. Two nurses were hit with live ammunition and a nearby hospital was evacuated after police fired tear gas into the building. Over the next two days, Israeli forces killed two Palestinians and wounded 79 during protests in the occupied territories.

The U.S. is joining Britain and other members of the UN Security Council in an unprecedented criticism of Israel, but Salman said the U.S. is acting less out of concern for human rights and more to maintain Arab support.

Until now, the American government has consistently refused to condemn Israel over treatment of Palestinians. As recently as June, the U.S. vetoed a UN Security Council resolution to send observers to the occupied territories, after an Israeli army officer had fired

tear gas into a UN child-care clinic, injuring 160 children.

Still, as of Friday the UN had not yet issued its formal condemnation of Temple Mount violence. It took less than a week for the UN to slap Iraq with a blockade on arms and oil after its invasion of Kuwait.

"Everyone can see it took twenty-four hours for the U.S. to come to the protection of a brutal dynasty in Saudi Arabia, while it has ignored Israeli treatment of Palestinians for years. Everyone can see what the U.S. is protecting," Salman said.

HOW FAR will the U.S. go in supporting Palestinian nationhood and human rights?

If Israel continues to be an American client state, as it has for at least a decade, the U.S. will do little to push it toward a settlement in the occupied territories.

But this will probably change, according to Sarah Doron, an activist in the Israeli opposition Labour Alignment. She said international developments will force Israel to negotiate a settlement in the occupied territories.

"Israel will have no choice but to give up land," Doron said in a lecture at McGill on Wednesday. Palestinians will have a state in the occupied territories within "a few weeks or months," she said, and the settlement will lead to an enduring peace in the region. Doron said Israel needs peace to heal the growing "roughness" that has led to a moral crisis in the country.

Even if there is a war in the Persian Gulf peace will break out sooner rather than later, Doron said. A war between the U.S. and Iraq would quickly spread beyond the Gulf to Israel but it would be over quickly, she said.

French Minister of Defense Jean-Pierre Chevènement has said that war would result in 100 000 casualties on all sides, while U.S. military contingencies plan for 20 000 U.S. casualties in the first four days of a war.

The U.S. is now in the midst of completing its military buildup, with about 175 000 troops in the Gulf, 45 warships and 450 warplanes.

Canada has sent 1500 military personnel, 18 fighter planes and three warships.

ACCORDING TO Rex Brynen, professor of political science at McGill, there is no going back to the status quo that existed before the *intifada*. As the uprising approaches its fourth year, he said, Palestinian society has changed too much, irreparably breaking out of its former acquiescence to Israeli military rule.

But Brynen said he was less optimistic about the immediate prospects for a Palestinian state. The climate for self-determination may soon improve in Washington, he said, but the climate in Israel is less hopeful. Uncertain times and especially the possibility of war are pushing Israelis increasingly to the right.

"The U.S. doesn't have the power to move the Israeli government on something it seriously opposes, for all its economic leverage," he said.

Israel is the world's biggest recipient of U.S. foreign aid — an estimated \$3.7 billion last year, perhaps half in military aid. It doesn't help that Israel is intensely dependent on U.S. aid to deal with a battered economy. The *intifada*, for one thing, has cost Israel dearly. According to estimates by the Israeli Manufacturers Association, the uprising cost Israel \$1.3 billion in its first two years, or 1.6 percent of its gross national product.

A reduction in U.S. aid may actually strengthen the political right, Brynen said, partly due to a credibility vacuum on the left. Labour has largely accepted Likud's framework for debate on peace issues, he said.

The right could easily turn U.S. pressure on the occupied territories into an issue of sovereignty, Brynen said.

The PLO, for one, calls the newly-formed coalition government a "war cabinet" — it brings together politicians whose views are so extreme they would have been on the lunatic fringe just a few years ago. Key posts are held by Ariel Sharon, famous for his role

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Montréal hunger strikers protest Israeli violence

by Mitu Sengupta

Fifteen McGill and Concordia students held a hunger strike last week to protest the October 7 deaths of more than 20 Palestinians at the hands of the Israeli army.

The four-day hunger strike began Thursday at the Université du Québec à Montréal's student centre. It was organized by the Coalition for Peace and Freedom in Palestine.

According to hunger-striking McGill engineering student Al-Jabir, Coalition members met early last Tuesday to organize a demonstration, a vigil and a hunger strike. The members hoped to use these actions to focus the Canadian government's attention on Palestinian demands.

"We as Canadians are asking our government to resolve the Palestinian crisis quickly and peacefully," said Al-Jabir. "This is the motivation behind our protests."

According to member Hatim Salman, the Coalition demands the Canadian government pressure the United Nations Security Council to actively protect Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip from Israeli army aggression.

It also calls for the deployment of UN Peacekeeping Forces in the Occupied Territories and the adoption of severe international sanctions against the Israeli govern-

ment.

"Canada has a good reputation in the international community; it should use it to urge other Western countries, especially the United States, to help end the violence in the Occupied Territories," Salman said.

The Coalition demands that Canada sever government-to-government ties with Israel and recall its diplomatic representatives from that state. Salman says the federal government should revoke the charitable status of fund-raising organizations clearly involved with financing Israeli activity in the Occupied Territories.

"We hope Canada imposes sanctions on Israel like those it has imposed against South Africa and, more recently, against Iraq," said Salman.

"If the West is willing to use its resources in the Gulf to defend international legality and democracy, it should use them too against Israel, where Palestinians' human rights are violated every day," he said.

"There shouldn't be double standards established purely on the basis of national security interests and the demand for petroleum."

Both Salman and Al-Jabir stressed the need to solve the crisis in the Middle East as a "whole package."



Hunger strikers in protest of the massacre at Temple Mountain

Al-Jabir also wants the federal government to recognize the state of Palestine and establish its embassy in Ottawa. "The only way the killing will stop is if two states are formed, each with its own security," he said.

Al-Jabir said some of his friends were killed in the October 7 massacre. "I could see my friends dying when I watched the news on television," he said. "There is too much violence. All we want now is a peaceful solution."

Though the Thursday vigil was cancelled because of last week's rainy weather, Wednesday's demonstration drew almost 200 people. The rally was held outside the Israeli consulate on René Levesque and Peel. The hunger strike began that afternoon.

According to striker Weam Gharbieh, the strikers had received solidarity letters from a large number of local and international organizations. These include various local churches as well as the Canadian Red Cross, Amnesty International and the Québec labour federation, the Confédération des Syndicats Nationaux (CSN).

The Coalition, comprising more than 15 Montréal-based groups, was formed in 1988 as a solidarity group for the Palestinian *intifada*. Member associations include Concordia's Arab Students' Association, McGill's Palestinian Solidarity Committee and the CSN.

Fourteen of the strike's participants were Canadian citizens, and one an American.

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EVENTS HIGHLIGHT

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To contact WAVE, leave your name and number at the office of the Quebec Public Interest Research Group (call 398-7432).

See you tonight!

The WAVE Collective

HYDE PARK

WORLD FOOD DAY

Opinion by Hoori Hamboyan of the McGill International Development Students' Association

World Food Day does not mean we should collectively consume as much as we can on October 16. It is an international event established by the United Nations in 1981. Activities occur for World Food Day in over 150 countries and focus on food issues such as world hunger, agricultural (mal)practices, and poverty.

This year, Canadian affiliations with World Food Day are focussing on Canadian poverty, and environmental issues linked to food (deforestation, soil erosion and the overuse of pesticides).

Most people are aware of the obscene amount of poverty in other countries. But many people do not realize that there are wide social discrepancies in Canada too. There are 35-40 food banks in Montréal alone which feed approximately 10 000 people per month, 40% of whom are children. According to Statistics Canada, about a million Canadian children live below the poverty line.

MIDSA is holding a *Peace Meal*, that is, a "Rich Person's/Poor Person's meal" on Tuesday, October 16, from 11h to 14h in the Union cafeteria. There will be guest speakers and a special broadcast on CKUT (15h to 17h).

DISRUPTIVE ELEMENTS

People exist on the streets you abandon for a warm bed. Things happen. Drug dealers take contracts out on debtors and each other (just like in the movies). Prostitutes are assaulted. Homeless teenagers sleep in warehouses full of strangers. Sociology textbooks talk about these problems, providing a glazed academic account. The media distances itself from street-level culture, so much gets buried.

STOKING STUPIDITY

T-shirt shops: treasure troves and/or havens of hatred. Le Rock Souvenirs (on St. Catherine near St. Laurent) houses some of the more blatant and pathetic examples of mind-drone in the city. Nazi paraphernalia has its own little section for the selective consumer: SS shirts (one depicting a glorified stormtrooper), Canadian white power garb and enough iron crosses to outfit a battalion. In one corner of the store, a nazi shirt partially overlaps a peace symbol.

And the mindless hatred sold here isn't limited to racial groups. Exhibit A, the shirt hanging in the display window: AIDS KILLS FAGS DEAD.

Store owners protest, "I'm just trying to make a living." But they don't need to make a living off Nazi scum. Others say, "If I don't sell it, somebody else will anyway." Just like selling crack to ten-year-olds.

EQUAL TIME FOR SUB-HUMAN SLIME

During a CKUT show a couple of weeks back, a listener called in with a request and a complaint about the DJ's choice of music. It seems our neanderthal took exception to the abundance of 'negro music' and wanted some white music 'to correct the imbalance.' He requested Skrewdriver, his favourite band — a white-power outfit. He called back a couple of times, then gave up on the uncooperative DJ.



DANS LA RUE - HORS DE LA RUE

Sources have it that the police don't take kindly to Pops and the rest of the Dans La Rue crew giving condoms to prostitutes downtown. Part of this has to do with the fact that it's a totally private organization, so the government has no control over it. Since Pops keeps dope out of his winnebago, the cops can't pin anything on him, and resort to verbal harassment.

A pair of Station 33 cronies stuck their snouts into the van a week and a half ago, and proceeded to harangue the occupants for their lack of French verbal skills. It became obvious that conversation wasn't the motivation for their visit; if they had any reason at all, they seemed unable to communicate it.

Dans La Rue will be making the rounds in a brand-spanking nouveau camper thanks to the Montreal Rotary Club. Pops swings the winnebago around four days a week from 21h30 to 4h for those stuck with nowhere to go and nothing to eat. The van parks at Atwater during the infant stages of its tour and then motors over to Parc Lafontaine before moving on to St. Catherine street near St. Laurent in the teeny hours (3h).

JEEPERS PEEPERS

Flashers. You expect to find them down around the peep shows in some dark alley perusing around the back exits with their flies flapping. Well, Johnny Handsome not only rode the métro at rush hour last Tuesday, he also accosted two women on either side in one of those three-seaters. The funny thing is, neither paid his spastic tongue or his exposed willie any heed. Loonies lurk...

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Montréal politics beyond café chatter

Montréal: A citizen's guide to city politics, edited by Jean-Hughes Roy and Brendan Weston, Black Rose Books, 1990.

by Carl Wilson

To community activists, students often look like hypocrites. For all our bumper sticker platitudes, most of us talk globally, talk locally and are ill-prepared to match rhetoric with either thought or action.

But students who try to get beyond campus clubs and café chatter face genuine obstacles. As youth, we are seldom thought worthy to participate in community governance. As newly-transplanted citizens, we seldom know enough about local history and politics to generate valid initiatives.

This syndrome is self-perpetuating, but it's not unstoppable. Information is the remedy. McGill migrants trying to sort out the Montréal melange of parties, languages, lobby groups, egos and ideologies could do worse than consult *Montréal: A Citizen's Guide to City Politics*.

This collection of essays was edited by Brendan Weston and Jean-Hughes Roy, municipal specialists from the city's independent tabloids, *The Mirror* and *Voir*. By penetrating official baffle and exploring genuine issues and dynamics, they present a valuable tutorial on why the November 4 elections are critical to the future of social reform in Montréal.

In 1986, Montréalers turfed the Civic Party out of City Hall, where its leader Jean Drapeau had maintained a hegemony for decades. The reins passed to the Montréal Citizens' Movement (MCM), the most credible and democratic of the opposition parties.

But critics say the MCM in power fell far short of its promises, promises that were themselves truncated echoes of even earlier MCM's ideals. The party now faces challenges from both left and right. This year's vote will signal whether Montréalers still believe in MCM-style reform, and whether they think the MCM itself still believes in change.

Taking the first point as a given, Roy and Weston have assembled a report card on the MCM's 1986-90 performance. The evaluators are an impressive array of MCM defenders and critics, most of them left-leaning journalists, academics or activists writing about their areas of expertise.

The book is broken down into "Urban Form", "Shelter", "Environment", "Economy", "Transport", "Social Justice", "Power Politics" and "Electoral Formations". These are not just primers. Most sections deliver a set of brief, incisive analyses of the urban scene, including some hitherto-unheard perceptions.

Serfs of Free Trade

For example, Concordia professor Harold Chorney's essay on employment is remarkable for exposing the impact of the U.S./Canada free trade pact on Montréal workers.

In 1988, mayor Jean Doré ducked MCM party lines to support the 'free trade' deal; we've heard too little since then about the consequences. Chorney's analysis reveals how the shift from manufacturing to services promoted by the trade deal has hurt low-wage workers in Montréal, especially in the once-mighty textile industry.

Academics in general acquit themselves well in this collection. McGill professors Tom (Economics) Naylor and Eric (Social Work) Shragge paint a detailed portrait of the city's economic state: a fallen fiefdom loaded with poor serfs whose interests have yet to be

adequately addressed at any level of government. (Their stats are well-supported by subsequent essays on community economic development in the city's south.)

And Laval architecture prof Joseph Baker redeems the nauseatingly elitist opening section on "Urban Form", which otherwise boasts such 'enemies of social inequality' as Phyllis Lambert, née Bronfman.

Baker's discussion of the MCM's heinous Downtown Master Plan is a crystalline enunciation of the principles which ought to guide city planning and how the Plan violates them. His ideal downtown design, implied but never

less about bike racks. The "Environment" section is just as evocative, especially Wayne Hiltz's exposé of the mess we've made of municipal waste.

Heidi Modro's piece on "Women and Public Security" makes a strong case for the connection between surplus powerlessness and urban violence. Unable to participate in community control, some men resort to assertion through physical force, and some women lack the confidence to organize against violence. It's difficult to envision strategies to prevent rape and abuse in such circumstances. Modro suggests democracy and

Left out: admissions of bias

The book claims not to be partisan beyond a well-supported consensus among the authors (though some take exception) that the MCM's work has been insufficient and a more radical alternative is needed.

From that viewpoint, the "Electoral Formations" section belies the claim of impartiality, and suggests suspect motivations.

Despite the inclusion of the letters, as well as token recognition from Bennett and Wheeland, MCM splinter party the Democratic Coalition is nowhere given detailed examination in this book. By contrast, the other option on the left, Ecology Montréal, is not only discussed but invited to deliver a closing stump speech via candidate Dimitrios Roussopoulos. Roussopoulos just happens to be the book's publisher.

Now, I have no quarrel with the trio's right to promote Ecology Montréal if they so desire. But the claim of non-partisanship is irritating, and so is the disjunctive, derivative rhetoric allowed Roussopoulos's piece, in comparison to the analytic rigour demanded of nearly every other selection.

Also, it would have been beneficial to hear from the city's gay and lesbian community. Their concerns are addressed only (marginally) in Billy Bob Dutrasic's two-page diatribe on AIDS — and there by a straight man long on venom and short on facts.

On a related subject, there should have been an essay focusing specifically on the MUC police, whose legendarily homophobic, racist brutality and inefficiency have continued under the MCM. They're given attention only in Weston's piece on "Race and Ethnicity".

And though Weston's writing is as high-calibre as Alan Gossett's gun, I would have preferred to hear Montréal's visible minorities speak for themselves, just as women, tenants and even the MCM were permitted to do.

Left in: sloppy editing

Contributors are sometimes allowed to ramble on about their obsessions to little constructive end. Besides Roussopoulos and Dutrasic, Morissette, Wheeland and Shragge all overstay their welcomes a bit. The book is over-padded, containing two introductions, a conclusion and a host of redundant, point-form, badly-written lead-ins to the essays.

There's further evidence of sloppy editing. The grammatical and stylistic aspects of the book leave much to be desired, including non-agreement, sentence fragments, awkward translations and misspellings.

Finally, the visual elements of *Montréal* have been sorely neglected. Besides its hideous, almost satirical-looking cover, the photos inside are too few and too dull. Clear, topical photos would have enlivened the pages of argument and rooted the book in a sense of place.

Perhaps these pitfalls are just a reflection of the rush to get the book in stores a full month before November 4. Even so, *Montréal* is more than worthwhile for students seeking a thorough (dis)orientation to city politics.

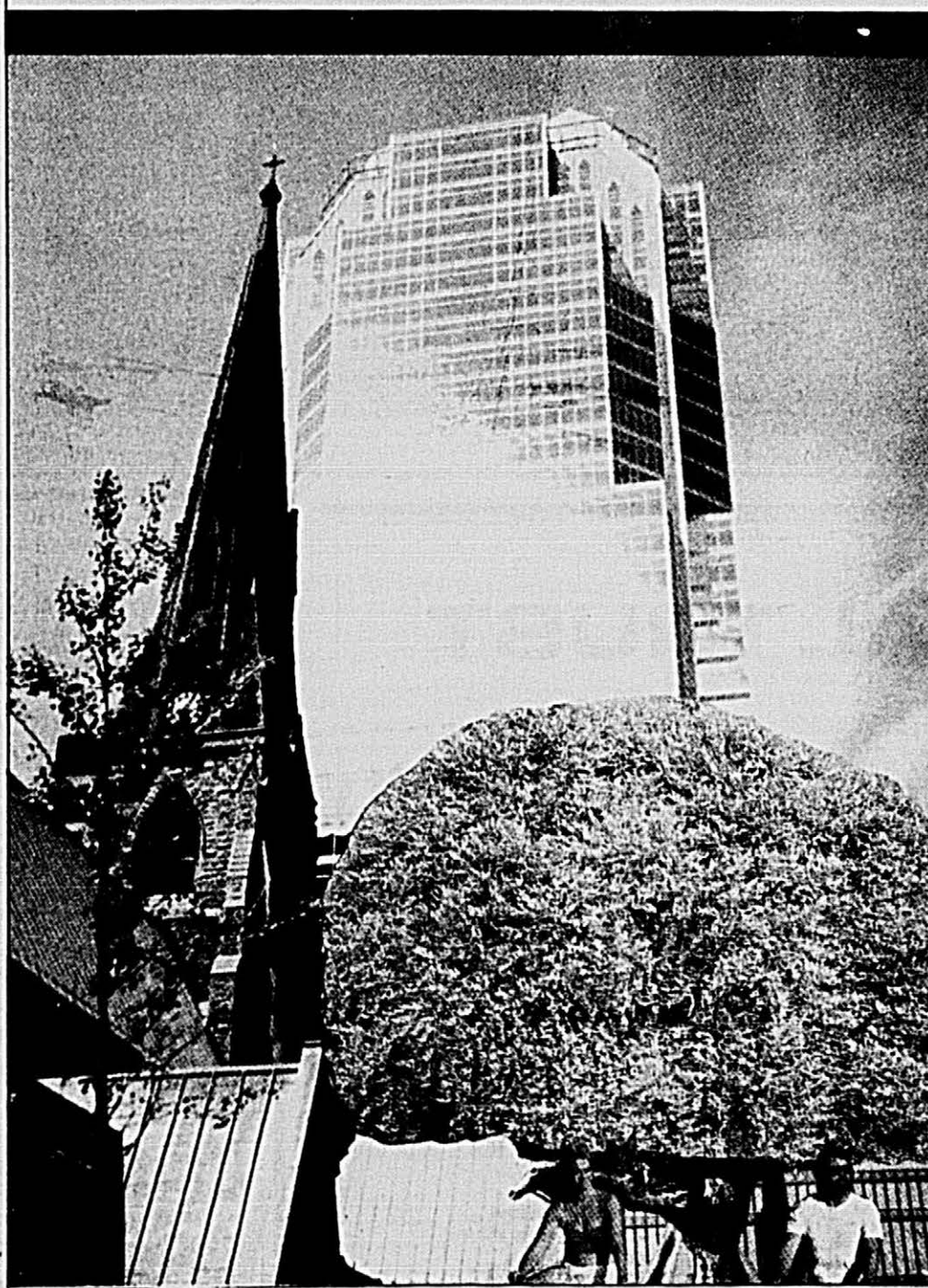
Sometimes it seems the writers in *Montréal* overestimate what a city can do, but in the long run they're arguing for each community's right to true power. This goal is commensurate with the interests of youth, who may be fuzzy about property taxes and parking rates, but are more than qualified to say how and why cities should become healthier, more hospitable and more democratic.

Roy and Weston share that agenda, and their book suggests we have the potential to advance it in Montréal, in 1990.

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MONTRÉAL

A Citizen's Guide to Politics



Don't judge Black Rose Books' *Montréal: A Citizen's Guide to City Politics* by its cover: Despite this stupid picture, it's an astute assessment of progressive politics at the municipal level.

stated, is left indelibly in the reader's imagination.

In another spirit, former Overdale tenant Lisa Jensen is similarly unforgettable. She packs an emotional wallop in her calumny-by-calumny account of the housing scandal that spelled MCM sell-out to many citizens.

As well, Claire Morissette's transport piece is a passionate and welcome re-statement of the case against cars, though she should have given more ink to public transit and rambled

decentralization would be a greater boon to women's struggles than extra cops might be.

Finally, behind-the-scenes glimpses afforded by MCM councillor Arnold Bennett ("Why I Stayed in the MCM"), opposition gadfly Peter Wheeland and, brilliantly, the resignation letters of disillusioned MCM councillors, are unique opportunities to the outsider.

But for all its graces, *Montréal* (like the city itself) is rife with sins, of both omission and commission.

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Deadheads - looking for a few good heads to share some quality tapes - have 450 hrs. to trade - call anytime - Geoff - 284-5327.

361 - Articles for Sale

Present letter perfect papers. AES word processing computer for only \$450. Printer, diskettes and program included. Call 276-6974 and leave message.

Queen bed (mattress & boxspring) \$200/old sofa (\$50). 2 Pine coffee tables (\$30 ea)/old kitchen table (\$60) - bike for man (\$60) - small black & white TV (\$50) - child's desk (\$20) + lots of household goods (pots & pans, toaster, coffee machine, plates ...) + bike holder for car (new!) 279-0108.

'86 Sunburst Fender Telecaster for sale. Excellent condition, mahogany neck. 284-4496.

For sale: Ikea, L-shaped desk and computer table plus two filing cabinet drawers. White trimmed with silver. \$225.00 or best offer. Call: 937-0770.

Brother EP44 (typewriter) for sale. LCD screen, memory, printer capability. Barely used. Cheap: \$180.00 or best offer. 761-0405.

White goose down coats - warm - for men and women - best prices - widest choice - top brand names - starting at \$75.00. Fantastique EXXA 'La Store' 550 President Kennedy 843-6248.

Leather jacket for sale. Super bargain! Brown, with sheepskin collar and trim. Purchased just last year, mint condition. \$95.00 (negotiable). phone 932-5095 (evenings only).

363 - To Give Away

Kittens - 2 month old twin brothers. Fireball red with blue and green eyes. Need a good home soon. Call Brian or Lyle 522-6114.

365 - Wanted to Buy

Avid cyclist interested in buying new or used bicycle components. Will pay top dollar. Glenn 272-6516.

Wanted: Used futon and frame in good condition (double). for sale: my old futon, \$30. Tom 284-4496.

367 - Cars for Sale

Mazda, GLC, 84, 4 doors, black. Manual, new battery, new tires, new brakes, new gear (proof of repair). \$2800 to discuss. Call 344-4605 Gisèle.

Ford Escort 1981, new muffler. Very little rust. 4-speed. Sony radio-cassette. Excellent running condition. Under \$500 Call 737-7689.

372 - Lost & Found

Lost - diamond antique engagement ring, white & yellow gold, moderate sized diamond. Also silver ring. Oct. 2, 1990, 3rd floor women's wash-room McLennan Library between 12:00-12:30 pm. Please contact Andrea at 982-6892.

Green corduroy jacket, plaid lining, was borrowed from me at Ger's, Thursday Sept. 27. It's getting cold. I need it back. Please call 284-6556.

374 - Personals

A western educated bilingual Togolese age 45 seeks a Canadian-French-German-Philippino for a serious relationship/marriage. Interested write: Box 1706, New Canaan, Ct. 06840-1706, USA.

Fans of "Another World" Join in letter campaign to bring back Derek. Write to: Executive Producer, Another World-NBC, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10112.

Dear Lillian: If nice people have nice birthdays, yours must have been wonderful. Happy belated birthday - Banerjee.

Is your closet getting too small? Gays and Lesbians of McGill offers an information/counseling talkline. Call with questions, problems or just to talk. Phone 398-6822 or drop by Union 417 M-F, 7-10.

Wanted: Enthusiastic, hungry biology students. Mission: to consume huge quantities of free donuts every Thursday 11-1 in W24 (Stewart Biology Building). Sponsored by MBSU.

383 - Lessons Offered

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385 - Notices

Getting married? Start off on the right foot! McGill Chaplaincy's special series on living together in marriage. Four sessions: Tues. Oct 30, Thurs. Nov. 8, Thurs. Nov. 15, Thurs. Nov. 22. 7-10 pm. Call Roberta or Cathie to register, 398-4104.

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Lesbian/Gay discussion group held Fridays at The Yellow Door Coffee House (3625 Aylmer) at 17h30.

Single, non-recycled satire publication seeks numerous pencil-pushers for page filling. Must like verbs, will supply adjectives. Union 406, 398-6816, deadline Oct. 31.

Landlord/tenant? Family? Consumer law? If you need help sorting out your legal problems call or drop by the McGill Legal Information Clinic • M-Fri/10-5 pm • 398-6792 • Rooms B20, B21 & B01B of the student union building! We're here for you!

The McGill Film Society is having a poster sale. Amazing selection, low prices. Today through Thursday, 9:00 - 4:30 daily. Ground floor Union Building.

McGill Biology Student Union presents an information session on Graduate Studies in the Life Sciences 12h to 14h on Friday, October 19th in Stewart Biology Building, W23A.

389 - Musicians wanted

McGill University band is seeking an oboe player and a double bass player for this year. If interested call Tom Talamantes at 398-5034.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Women Allvel-WAVE Women's Collective first general meeting! Join us in our fight against violence against women and help plan events to mark the first anniversary of the Dec. 6th massacre. At 18h in Room 409 Wilson Hall (University & Milton). For more information, call the Quebec Public Interest Research Group, 398-7432.

Quebec Public Interest Research Group Housing Project—Planning meeting to organize a tenants' association in the McGill ghetto. At 18h in Student Union room 302. For information, call 398-7432.

McGill Film Society—Poster Sale today through Thursday, on the ground floor of the Union Building, 9h-16h30 daily. Call 398-6825.

McGill Hillel—Social Programming Meeting. At 18h in Hillel House, 3460 Stanley. Call Fran, 845-9171.

STAND—Students Take Action to Network against Discrimination meeting at 17h in Hillel House, 3460 Stanley. Call Howard, 845-9171.

Association for Baha'i Studies—Seminar on "Maintaining a Theistic Perspective in an Agnostic Learning Environment" given by Andy Tamas in the Leacock Council Room (232) at 20h. Call Julie, 939-5812.

Computer Lab—Effective October 13, the new hours of operation for the Leacock Computer Lab (Room 110) will be Monday to Friday 9h-23h, and Saturday 10h-16h. For info, call Anne Yu at ASUS.

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Defense Minister during a 1982 massacre of 2000 unarmed Palestinians in two Beirut refugee camps; Rafael Eytan, who as Sharon's chief of staff helped orchestrate the massacre; and David Levy, another Sharon ally.

And that's just Likud. Most of the smaller far-right parties in the Likud-led coalition were elected to their seats with platforms that advocated "transfer." The plan would involve expulsion of the 2.4 million Arabs living within Israeli borders.

For their part, Palestinians call transfer a genocidal program. Polls in 1989 showed 40 percent of Israeli Jews supported the idea.

Though Likud has never officially endorsed expulsion, the new government has moved quickly on a vigorous expansion of Jewish settlements in the occupied territories. To emphasize the point, Ariel Sharon was made Housing Minister, where he will likely accelerate what many call the "quiet transfer" of Palestinians, by restricting construction permits and expropriating Palestinian land, lot by lot.

According to a report in *Middle East International*, a parliamentary aide said Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir "will be the sanest man in the cabinet" — a frightening claim considering Shamir's own bloody resumé. During the Israeli war of independence, he headed an armed band which, among other things, massacred 254 non-combatants in the Palestinian village of Deir Yassin and tried to negotiate a pact with Hitler.

"It is the Americans who protect barbarians, not us," Salman said, with an eye on the records of all U.S. allies, both Israeli and Arab. "They said nothing when the Saudis were cutting off people's hands and beheading people in the street. And since when are the Americans enemies of Iraq? They sold Iraq billions of dollars of weapons and made war on the behalf of the United States against Iran. Everyone can see who the U.S. is protecting in the Middle East, and why."

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